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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) Structure according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that those channel parts (4, 5) directed towards the inner surface of the outer skin of the ship's side make an angle α of less than 90° with said outer skin.

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Structure according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterised in that channels (3) are also arranged on the inner surface of the inner skin (2), which channels (3) are attached by the tips of the side walls to said inner surface, and in that the said stringers (7) extend between the channels (3) arranged on the outer skin (1) and the channels (3) arranged on the inner skin (2).

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) Structure according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterised in that the channels (3) of each series are joined to one another to form a corrugated plate.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) Structure according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, Claim 1, characterised in that the structure

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is made of steel 37.